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The sun is shining, its 80 degrees, my doors and windows are opened, and I think spring is finally here.

April was a very busy month for HCE. We had a good attendance at our Spring Conference. Bob Bosold did a great job showing pictures and telling us about his recent farm tour to Hawaii. Lots of different entries in the Arts and Craft contest and twelve items are going to the state contest in September. Good Luck ladies! Thanks to Dolores Schryver, our Arts and Craft Chairman, for organizing everything, Diane Hayes for the decorations and Lois Paquette for being our judge.

We had a very nice group that attended our monthly breakfast on April 14. We will have one on May 19. Please notice the change of date. I will be out of town on the regular date. This is our last one until September so I hope we have a good attendance. See you then.

Alberta Koneazny, Dolores Schryver and I attended the Spring Northwest District meeting in Poplar on April 21st. Lots of changes coming not only in our County, but at the state level also.

Our Salad Luncheon was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Good food, great fellowship and lots of bidding going on. I even came home with several items and I am trying to downsize. There is something wrong with this picture. A big thank you to the Albertville and Longview Clubs for taking charge. Great Job! Thanks also to Connie, Helene and Veronica for working the auction.

We read our last book for Bookworms this past week. We received lots of hugs, so we know we are appreciated. They all loved their crocheted worms. Thank you to all of you who donate your time and talent to make them. Stop in at the RCU building and see us while you are at the Northern Wisconsin Fair July 13 – 15. Thank you to Jean for doing such a great job for Bookworms.

We again are giving out two \$400 scholarships for this year. We had 43 applications to choose from. Thanks to Helene Anderson and Dolores Schryver for taking care of this.

We held our International Night on Tuesday, April 26. Our speaker was Sharon Daniels and she talked on her trip to Northern Italy and Grace talked about her trip on the Hurtigruten which is a cruise ship which hauls people, vehicles and freight from Bergen to Kirkenes and stops at different ports along the way. Unfortunately the exchange students were not available this year.

Please keep working on your "On the Move and in the Grove" minutes and also your volunteer hours and money donated to HCE organization. These reports need to be into the Extension Office by May. 31. We then need to compile them for our county and send them on to the state.

As I finish this letter it is 45 degrees, raining, thundering and lightening. Seems like a fall day out there. Did I miss SUMMER????

HAVE A HAPPY MOTHERS DAY. SEE YOU IN THE FALL!!

*Frances Sykora, Chippewa County HCE Board President*

## Calendar of Events 2016

### May

- 3 Executive Board Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 13
- 19 HCE Breakfast**, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant
- \* Bakeless Bake Sale**



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

### September

- 11 State Board Meeting**, Plaza Conference Center, Eau Claire
- 12-14 State WAHCE Conference**, Plaza Conference Center, Eau Claire



Correction: We apologize for the spelling error to Marian Michels name in the April newsletter

## CHIPPEWA COUNTY HCE INFORMATION

### 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President: *Fran Sykora (715-288-6859)*  
 President-Elect: *OPEN*  
 Vice President: *OPEN*  
 Secretary: *Alberta Koneazny (715-726-9537)*  
 Treasurer: *Dorothy Kaiser (715-289-3279)*

#### Educational Program Chairmen

Family & Community Outreach: *OPEN*  
 Scholarship: *Helene Anderson (715-874-5207)*  
 Historian: *Diane Hayes (715-874-6145)*  
 Cultural Arts: *Dolores Schryver (715-874-5920)*  
 Membership: *Winnie Joos (715-835-8991)*  
 WI Bookworms™: *Jean Cronquest (715-289-3497)*  
 International: *Grace Kruetzfeldt*

### 2016 CLUB PRESIDENTS

Albertville	Donna Benson	715-874-5245
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Creswood	Vlasta Falkenberg	715-289-3886
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Longview	Veronica Knudsen	715-874-5634
OK	Jean Cronquest	715-289-3497
Pleasant Hour	Judy Ritter	715-834-1737
Trout Creek	Arlene Hakes	715-723-3140
Unlimited	Sue Plourde	715-723-1919

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### Newsletter Deadline

Information for the HCE Newsletter is due by the 15th of the month, for the next month's newsletter.

Please forward your club paperwork to the Extension Office for updates to the 2016 Club Information.

## Executive Board Minutes

**Chippewa County Association  
Home and Community Education  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 1, 2016  
Faith Lutheran Church**

Roll call was taken with the following present: Fran Sykora, Alberta Koneazny, Dorothy Kaiser, Diane Hayes, Dolores Schryver, Winnie Joos, Jean Cronquest, Grace Kruezfeldt and Mary Geissler.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.  
Bills were paid.

We reserved the Faith Lutheran Church for next year's Spring Conference which will be April 7, 2017.

We are making plans for the bus trip later this year, more information to come.

No date set for scholarship meeting. HCE is giving two--\$400 scholarships.

Reminders provided for the April 14<sup>th</sup> HCE Breakfast at Chippewa Family Restaurant and International Night on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. at the Courthouse.

Meeting closed with the Prayer Creed.

Submitted by:  
Alberta Koneazny, Secretary

## Club News & Highlights

**Happy:** Report provided on passing quilts. Three are finished and will be gifted. Plans for our Spring Conference were discussed. Members will end in their own registrations. Marge will do the basket for the auction for the Salad Luncheon as well as a reminder to bring things for the auction. Food assignments were decided.

**Longview:** Thirty-six HCE members attended the Spring Conference. Val Kolo received a blue ribbon for her cultural arts entry and Jane Kragness received a blue ribbon and was selected to feature her cultural arts entry at the State Conference in September. Reminders were provided for upcoming events. News to share: Joan Roder and husband sold their family home and are building "in the woods". Nancy Helfman and husband sold their family home and are moving to Washington, D.C. Longview will be assisting Albertville HCE in planning the Spring Luncheon and Auction on April 23rd.

**OK:** Discussed Spring Conference, HCE Breakfasts and International Night.

**Pleasant Hour:** Reminders provided regarding upcoming events. Discussed future of Pleasant Hour Club. Further discussion to occur at future meetings.

**Trout Creek:** Old business discussion included review of the February Alzheimer's Special Interest Session. Handouts provided. New business discussion included the Salad Luncheon.

**Unlimited:** The April meeting assembled the Salad Luncheon basket, discussed International Night.

**Cookbooks are still available for purchase. Please contact your club president for any books you may need or stop by the Extension Office.**

## International

### International Committee News

As you have all learned from my goals that were listed in the Communicator, my main focus will be on the Caribbean and Central America. One of the things we are asking that you work on this year is to sew "Therapy Quilts" for Nicaragua. The instructions for the quilts follows.

#### ***Lightweight Quiltlets for Medical Centers in Nicaragua***

- Use cotton fabric
- Use two pieces of fabric (no batting)
- Sew the two pieces together and then quilt with embroidery threads or yarn or simply topstitch the edges and a few times across the center.
- Make in different sizes—anywhere from one yard pieces of fabric to two yards or so—and any size in between. Usually the width of the fabric (45" wide). Can also use up your smaller pieces of fabric from quilting making squares, designs or whatever else works.
- Color is always good and cheerful—children's or any happy design.
- The labels can be ironed onto the backing piece of fabric (if the fabric is quite plain). Labels are available for your use from the W/NP Office.

The Children in the hospital are anywhere from infants, toddlers to young teens. Therefore larger size quilts are also in need. They are also used for adults to have a light cover for dignity.

Thank you very much for your time and generosity.

*Lylene Scholz, International Chair*

### International Night

International Night was held on Tuesday, April 26th at the Chippewa County Courthouse. Although we did not have any exchange students available for the evening due to prior schooling events, Sharon Daniels provided us with a wonderful overview of her trip to Italy.



## Wisconsin Bookworms™

Greetings from Wisconsin Bookworms and Wiggly,

Wiggly is in a state of total confusion because of our changeable Wisconsin weather. He can't decide if he should return to a state of hibernation or just tough it out. I understand that seed potatoes are supposed to be planted on Good Friday, but the frost was too hard and the project was abandoned. So much for gardening traditions.

By the time you receive this, our Bookworm reading will be completed. Thanks again to all our dedicated readers for their participation. We are also planning to be at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair this summer and give away children's books. We would appreciate some company, so if you would like to help on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of that week, call Jean at 715-289-3497. We share a spot in the RCU Building and the RCU staff are great to work with. They are extremely cooperative and helpful.

The final booklist for reading in 2016-2017 should be ready soon. We are looking forward to another good year. There were a lot of really cute books on the "choose from" list and I enjoyed reading all of them.

Have a great summer!



Sincerely,  
**Wiggly and Jean Cronquest, Wisconsin Bookworms Chair**

## Cultural Arts

Thank you all for bringing such unique crafts to our Spring Conference and Cultural Arts on April 1st. The following will represent Chippewa County at the State Conference this September at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire, WI.

<b>Fran Sykora</b> , Happy	Acrylic painting of a cardinal sitting on a birch tree
<b>Pat Dietz</b> , Albertville	Colored photograph of redwoods
<b>Pat Dietz</b> , Albertville	B&W photo of winter scene
<b>Pat Dietz</b> , Albertville	Recycled wood sunflower wall hanging
<b>Jean Cronquest</b> , OK	Colored photo of kitten in ice cream pail
<b>Jan Kragness</b> , Longview	Knitted burgundy shawl
<b>Bernadine Jackson</b> , OK	Turquoise, multi-colored afghan
<b>Donna Diermeyer</b> , Unlimited	Crocheted southern belle doll
<b>Deone Jorstad</b> , Individual	Recycled water bottle flowers on a glass tray
<b>Dorothy Kaiser</b> , OK	Hardanger print
<b>Grace Kruetzfeldt</b> , OK	Machine quilted, birds table topper
Bonus "Let's Make Music"	Unlimited Club

**Dolores Schryver**, Cultural Arts Chairman



Blue ribbon winners going to State  
*Front Row:* Deone Jorstad, Bernadine Jackson, Grace Kruetzfeldt  
*Back Row:* Diane Hayes, Jane Kragness, Dorothy Kaiser, Jean Cronquest and Fran Sykora.  
*Not pictured:* Pat Dietz and Donna Diermeyer

## Spring Salad Luncheon/Spring Conference

On a balmy spring day, Chippewa County HCE members gathered at Christ Lutheran Church for their annual Salad Luncheon and Auction.

After a bountiful luncheon, the ladies settled back for the auction. Connie Harmon, the auctioneer and her helpers kept things moving along smoothly. This event was hosted by the Albertville & Longview Clubs. This is our annual fundraiser for our scholarship program. Thanks to everyone for a job well done!



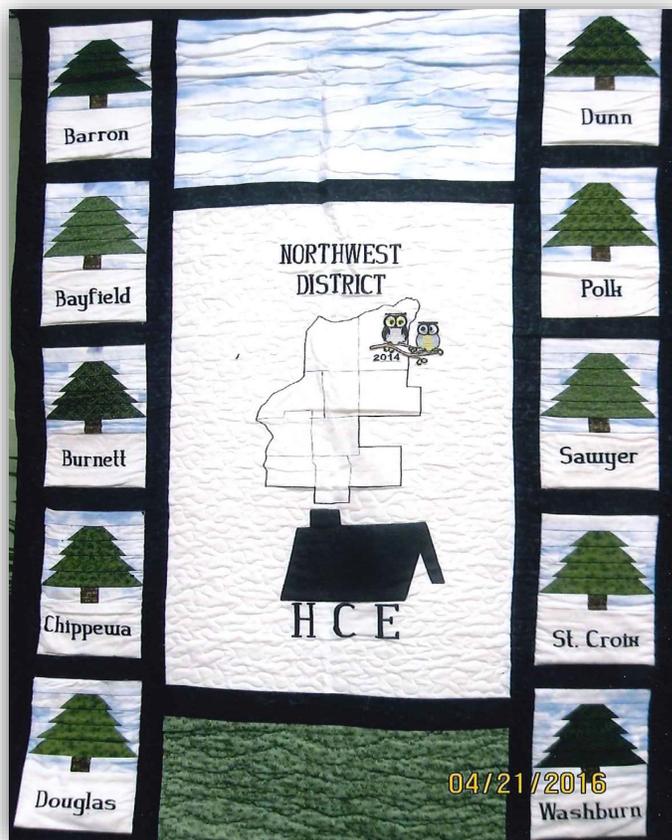
L to R: Helene Anderson, Connie Harman and Veronica Knudsen auctioning off a tea set at during the White Elephant Auction



L to R: Dolores Schryver, Arts & Crafts Chairman and Lois Paquette, Arts & Crafts judge



Bob Bosold speaking and showing photos from his tour to Hawaii



Northwest District Banner



## DIY Garden Planter & Birds Bath

### Supplies needed:

**NOTE: Please use your own measurements and judgement when recreating this project. These are guidelines to follow. Be creative and add your own flair, pot sizes, rebar size, birdbath top, paint color, etc.**

- 1 8" tall terracotta pot for the base
- 4 6" tall pots
- 1 4"-5" tall pot
- 62 inch piece of rebar (can purchase longer and cut it to size with a hacksaw or ask retailer if they will cut it for you.)
- Spray paint primer.
- Spray paint in your color choice. (Photo: Valspar in Exotic Sea.)
- Discarded globe from "boob light".
- Little ceramic bird (Optional)
- DAP Household/Aquatic Adhesive



**Step 1:** Prime all of your pots and then spray paint them in whichever color you choose. Thoroughly cover the pots. You can seal the pots prior or you may need extra primer. Then use gloss spray paint on all of the pots and on the birdie.

**Step 2:** Measure the height of all of your pots and then add 24 inches to that number to determine the length of your rebar. Cut your rebar to size using a hacksaw. Use a hammer to pound the rebar into the ground at least two feet down so that it will hold your heavy pots. Use the 8" pot for your base, next will be the four 6" pots. The last pot which will hold the bowl will be your 4-5" pot.

**Step 3:** Thread your pots onto the rebar and fill with soil. Alternately tilt each pot from right to left, filling with soil as you go.

**Step 4:** Take the globe from a flush-mount light (frequently found at second hand shops) and place it onto the top of the rebar. The bowl will be resting on the top flower pot but the rebar should thread all the way up into the birdbath bowl. I used DAP household/aquatic adhesive to attach the bird and to seal around the gap between the bowl and rebar hole. The adhesive takes a day to cure. Do not fill your bowl with water until then. If you do not have a globe from a flush mount light, you can use a bowl.

**Step 5:** Plant your flowers and enjoy!

Project courtesy of: Blog Post from Home Stories A to Z, <http://www.homestoriesatoz.com/outdoor/diy-garden-planter-birds-bath.html>, March 12, 2012.



## On the Move and In the Groove

Were you able to participate in the spring exercise challenge this year? The end date for record keeping is May 28th. Please send your tally sheet in to the Extension Office with our total points by June 3, 2016. The deadline to submit our county information is shortly after that and we will need time to tally the total and send the information in. We hope this was a good start to an active summertime for us all. The form to be completed can be found in this newsletter for your convenience.



**Wisconsin Association for Home and  
Community Education, Inc\***

**On the Move and in the Groove (individual)**  
**February 28 to May 28, 2016**

Get moving with HCE members from across the state. Record 1 point for each 20 minutes of activity. For example: 1 hour =3 points. Give this report to your County Coordinator who will complete the County Combined Report.

Name of County: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Dates	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	TOTAL WEEK	RUNNING TOTAL
Feb 28 – March 5									
March 6-12									
March 13-19									
March 20-26									
March 27- April 2									
April 3-9									
April 10-16									
April 17-23									
April 24-30									
May 1-7									
May 8-14									
May 15-21									
May 22-28									
								<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	



## Impact of HCE -- 2016

### HCE Club Member Contribution Report



To recognize the achievements and contributions of HCE members, each member is asked to complete the following sheet. Information will be compiled into an "Impact of HCE" Report. The dates for the report for 2016 are June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Please give your reports to your Club President or your County President so they can be compiled. **Counties will put everything together on the County Form and send to JoAnn Blonien, WAHCE Vice President for Family and Community Life by June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank You!**

**Contact information:** (will not be shared, for record keeping only)

**Club Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

In the past year please indicate the number of times you attended and the amount of time you gave for the following:

<b>Event</b>	<b># Attended</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
County HCE Executive Board Meetings	_____	_____
County HCE Spring Event(s)	_____	_____
County HCE Fall Event(s)	_____	_____
County HCE Educational Sessions	_____	_____
HCE Club Meetings	_____	_____
HCE District Meetings	_____	_____
HCE State Meetings	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list any fundraising activities you were involved with on behalf of HCE.  
(example: bake sale at the bank for HCE))

<b>Fundraising Activity</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list any community outreach activities that are directly related to HCE .  
(example: Bingo at the nursing home for HCE))

<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list the value of any **individual donations** (monetary or otherwise) you made for HCE.  
Note: Club donations will be obtained from Club Treasurer.  
(example: crocheted baby blanket for HCE)

<b>Donations</b>	<b>Estimated Dollar Value</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

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# **CHIPPEWA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

## **HCE Mission Statement:**

- . Learning in a Social Setting**
- . Sharing what we learn**
- . Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world**